

A Summer to Remember

US TV : 1985 : dir. Robert Lewis : CBS / Interplanetary : 104 min
 prod: Michael H Keller & Edward Gold : scr: Scott Swanton : dir.ph.: Stephen M Gray
[Sean Justin Gerlis](#); [Bridgette Andersen](#)
 James Farentino; Louise Fletcher; Tess Harper; Burt Young; Taylor Lacher; Molly Cheek

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Halliwell's Television Companion review:

"An intelligent orang-utan gets lost and has various adventures. Old-fashioned entertainment for that old-fashioned family audience."

"Should fit the bill for the juve set - and lots of their animal-loving elders." - **Daily Variety**

Speelfilm Encyclopedie review:

"Warm tragi-comedy about a deaf child and his friendship with an orang-utang with which he's built a relationship through sign language. The young actor Gerlis is deaf from birth. **Average**"

Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89 review:

"A sweet family movie about a deaf boy and an orang-utan who can communicate with him. The boy, deaf from birth, charms us as his fingers converse with the monkey. Like all

animals, the orang-utan is susceptible to cruel humans, including a circus hustler, only to be saved by our young hero in a satisfying finale. ****1½ "**

Video Movie Guide 1993 review:

"Heartwarming story about a deaf-mute boy who distrusts Mom's new husband. When the boy befriends an intelligent orang-utan, he begins to see beyond his closed world. Rated "PG" for no apparent reason. *****1½ "**

[no listing in "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. Bridgette Andersen starred two years later in "**TOO MUCH**", a misjudged sentimental outing with a Japanese boy and a would-be cute pint-sized robot called "TM". One reviewer described her as "adorable to the point of nausea". Nothing else is known of Sean Justin Gerlis, though his name is familiar from somewhere. He's not listed in *The Moving Picture Boy*.

See also - if you can bear it - "**DUNSTON CHECKS IN**" (96) and "**MY AFRICAN ADVENTURE**" (aka "GOING BANANAS") - in the latter of which David Mendenhall goes native with a talking ape (orang-utangs are not monkeys, needless to say). See subject index under **ANIMALS** and **DISABLED / HANDICAPPED**.

